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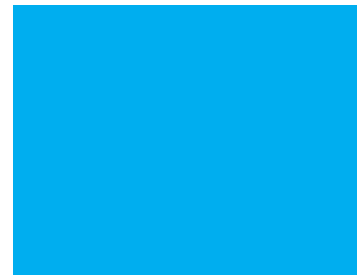
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 THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN

Our Mission: The Thief River Falls Education Foundation exists to promote innovative educational opportunities in School District #564 through partnerships involving alumni, parents, educators, businesses, and the greater community.

What We Do . . .

From time to time we are asked, what does the Foundation do? More often, as budgets of school districts tighten nationally, we receive phone calls from interested parties in other communities inquiring about the process of developing a Foundation. Fortunately, the Thief River Falls Education Foundation was established before a time of need. It was started with the vision of one day meeting a need.

Foundation is a word that can be defined as the underlying basis or principle for something. Additional meanings are: starting point, principles, fundamentals, cornerstone, core, heart, essence, reason, and justification. Simply said, all these terms describe the intent and purpose of this Foundation.

The TRF Education Foundation provides pre-K through post-secondary enhanced learning opportunities by offering grants to the staff for classroom equipment and programs. Scholarships are available to graduating and post secondary students. Relationships with alumni and friends of education continue through class reunions and communication channels.

We thank the many of you who have supported the cause of the Thief River Falls Education Foundation. We thank those who have volunteered their time, and those who have understood the important role of the Foundation. We invite and encourage many others who have an interest in the Foundation or would like to learn more about the Foundation to contact us.

Join together, help the Foundation be one of the region's greatest assets and advance the mission of "Promoting Excellence in Education".

Larry Stelter, of the Stelter Company states it best, "Getting to the heart of the matter." The very essence of our work continues through you.

Denise Laymon
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Calendar of Events

2008 Class Reunions

- 68th ~ '40 **September 26, 2008**
Tillie Gebhardt 218-281-1432
- 60th ~ '48 **July 19-20, 2008**
Arlene Mickley amickinmn@aol.com
- 55th ~ '53 **July 12, 2008** ~ Ardy Tunberg 218-689-0332
tunny@mncable.net
Helen Rude 681-2878 or
Jeannie Nelson 681-1577
- 50th ~ '58 **September 12-13, 2008**
Sharon Olson 681-3333
- 40th ~ '68 **July 25-27, 2008** ~ Debbie (Ferber) Hoversten
hoversten71@wiktel.com
- 30th ~ '78 **July 19, 2008**
Kristi LaSalle mklasalle@mncable.net
- 20th ~ '88 **July 26, 2008**
Jason Brunckhorst 218-821-1415
jason@cabincountrybuilders.com
- 10th ~ '98 **July 11-13, 2008**
Beth Olson bether1@yahoo.com
<http://lhs1998.page.tl>

LHS Baccalaureate

May 21, 2008 ~ 7:00 p.m.
LHS Auditorium

LHS Graduation

May 23, 2008 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Ralph Engelstad Arena

8th Annual Swenson Golf Tournament
July 21, 2008

3rd Annual Race for Education
August 2, 2008



**Donor Room
A NEW LOOK!**

The entryway of Lincoln High School has a fresh new look. The Foundation has created a donor area to recognize those who have supported the mission of the Foundation.

As you enter you will see three glass showcases, each case recognizes the categories of Lifetime Memberships to the Foundation and proudly displays the donors names. We hope as you visit or come back for your class reunion you will enjoy this area.



Dave Onkka, Tom Hunt and Steve Olson presenting the new LHS floor mat.

Events

2008 Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the following 2008 Inductees:



Educator: Kermit Eastman-Graduate of 1947. Has had a distinguished career in the field of Education. Kermit left high school and served in the U.S. navy, then returned, married Betty Swan and graduated from high school in 1947. He earned an elementary education degree from Moorhead State College and taught in International Falls, became a Principal in Alexandria and in 1955 became the Director of Elementary Education in Thief River Falls. From 1969 to 1983 he was the Superintendent of the St. Cloud School District. He currently resides with his wife of more than 60 years on a hobby farm near Sauk Rapids, MN.

Athlete: Jodi Kruta-Graduate of 1992. Excelled in Basketball and Track. Still holds records in the long jump and the 100m. After high school she played basketball for Montana State University - Northern and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2007. She continued to follow her love of athletics and became a member of the USA Team Handball squad and participated in the 1999 Pan American Games. Jodi currently resides in Douglasville, GA.



Athlete: Keith Anderson-Graduate of 1996. Excelled in Hockey, Football, Tennis, Choir and many other events in high school. After high school he played hockey for the North Iowa Huskies in the USHL, St. Cloud State University in the NCAA (WCHA), and a four year professional career with the Florida EverBlades of the ECHL. Keith and his wife Marcela reside in Fort Meyers, FL



Thief River Falls Education Foundation Eighth Annual
SWENSON GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, July 21, 2008 ~ Thief River Falls Golf Club

Shotgun start 12:00 noon • Registration and Complimentary Lunch Prior to Start.
Format: The Tournament is an 18 Hole Scramble. Form Your Own Four Person Team.
\$60.00 Entry Fee Per Person (includes mulligans) Members and Nonmembers ~ Limited to the First 72 Golfers!

PRIZES AND GAMES

This tournament is a special event hosted by the Thief River Falls Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization, to raise and allocate funds for programs and equipment for School District #564.

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Third Annual
TRF Education Foundation
Race for Education
5K, 10K Walk/Run
Special Children's Division 1K

Saturday, August 2, 2008

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.
10K Run begins at 8:00 a.m.
5K Run/Walk begins at 8:15 a.m.
1K Run/Walk begins at 8:15 a.m.

Age Categories

- K-6th grade (1K)
- 19 and under
- 20-39
- 40-59
- 60 and over

Course will begin at Evergreen Eating Emporium

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email
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or go to our website at
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to download the registration form**

Fall 2007 Grants Announced

Challenger Elementary School

Read Aloud Books from a Jean Petterson memorial

Franklin Middle School

Books for the Media Center. Funded by the partnership of Alpha Recycling/Les's Sanitation.

Interactive Whiteboards for Science Classrooms. These allow educators to use digital resources while maintaining interaction with the entire class. Students are more engaged and motivated in the class. Funded by the Swenson Endowment.

Lincoln High School

World Language Lab and Presentation System. The benefits of technology can be integrated with the richness of language, literature and culture in the World Language Department at LHS. Funded by the Swenson Endowment.

Music Lab Upgrade and New Equipment. Funded by the Swenson Endowment and the Noper Foundation.

Classroom Jeopardy System. This will help reach students through a more interactive approach for test reviews. Funded in partnership by Alpha Recycling, the Alumni Century Endowment Fund and Thief River Falls Education Foundation.

Sports Stacking Equipment. Sport Stacking is an activity that is effective at enhancing hand-eye coordination and reaction time. Funded by the Swenson Endowment.

Audio Enhancement Systems for Two Classrooms. Funded by the Swenson Endowment.

Metric Measuring Equipment - 20 Sets. Funded by the Gladys Person Memorial Endowment.

Smart Board for Math Department. Funded by the Swenson Endowment.

Smart Board from Great Lakes Gas Transmission.

ECFE

Building Language Together Books. These books will be used to equip children with the capacity and the desire to read before formal instruction has begun, rather than to have children reading before they enter school. This was funded by the Swenson Endowment.

District

Tennis Court Project -Thank you for the donations received for the tennis court project. We will continue to fundraise and welcome your gifts. Construction of the courts will begin this spring.

Lions Club – Community Pride

Lions Club members in Thief River Falls move new donated benches onto a playground at Challenger Elementary School in Thief River Falls. Club members constructed the benches, which also fold out into tables for the students. The project was made possible by a partnership created through the Foundation, TRF Lions Club, PTSP, and ODC.

"It was really exciting," said Susan Olson, CES kindergarten teacher, "It does take a whole community to educate a child."



Spring 2008

Challenger Elementary School

Three LCD Projectors for Instructional Technology Integration in Computer Labs. Funded by the Swenson Endowment

Pro Grade Dance System motivates students to move, assists with their cardiovascular endurance and helps with coordination and overall fitness. Funded by Drs. Jim and Penny Langland

Franklin Middle School

5 SmartBoards for Math Department. Funded by the Swenson Endowment

Toon Boom, an Animation Program for Technology Curriculum involves high-level thinking skills in a challenging classroom setting. Funded by the Swenson Endowment

Video Library for Family and Consumer Science Department would include videos on child development, credit cards, nutrition and the new food guide pyramid. Funded by Alpha Recycling/Les's Sanitation

Lincoln High School

Two Computers for Peer Tutoring Classroom. Funded by the Swenson Endowment

Four Smart Boards for Math Department. Funded by Drs. Jim and Penny Langland

Universal Air-Hydraulic Tubing Bender (Industrial Arts) would allow students to fabricate additional projects with a machine capable of bending square and round tubing. Funded by the Swenson Endowment

Close Up Funded by the Swenson Endowment

Community Education

Junior Golf Program. Funded by the Swenson Endowment

Business Partnership

Pictured: Student Elizabeth Waitas, grade 11, David L. Peterson, Computer Instructor, and Denise Laymon, TRF Education Foundation Director



Ipods

Wal-Mart announced the award of \$1,000 to the TRF Education Foundation for the purchase of iPods for LHS computer classroom. iPod a digital technology device is used for more than music, it is a great educational tool in providing information to students.

Airborne

Congratulations to Ken Wiggs, CES Music Specialist, who received a grant from Airborne that allowed him to purchase guitars for the school. Click on: <http://www.airbornetrust.com/winners.aspx>, music, and view Ken Wigg's blogs.

News About You

NAME _____

GRADUATING YEAR _____

CURRENT LOCATION _____

PERSONAL NOTES _____

Endowments

Full Stride Fund

The Full Stride Fund has been established in memory of Curtis and Marlene (Hanson) Johnson, in order to enable youth participation in various growth activities. Marlene and Curtis were both lifelong residents of the Thief River Falls area whose children, Susanne, Paul, and Jana attended Thief River Falls public schools and participated in several extracurricular activities. Marlene and Curtis were avid supporters of various youth activities, including 4-H, Scouts, band, and athletic programs. They believed that the extracurricular activities and experiences, when combined with a good education, would provide youth with the opportunity to flourish in whatever area they chose. It was important to them that any child who wanted to participate in an activity have that opportunity, and that is the philosophy behind the Full Stride Fund.

"Growing up, participation in activities that would help us develop were

always prioritized above buying new cars or clothes," noted Paul Johnson, now of Excelsior, MN. "We always found a way participate in a sport or take a trip we had earned. That was very important to them." The concern that children be able to engage in positive activities extend beyond their own children, as Curtis and Marlene did what they could to ensure all children were exposed to opportunities to grow.

Marlene Johnson died in February, 2003, and her husband Curtis died five years later in February, 2008. This Fund is meant to continue their work of enabling youth to participate in activities that will allow them to reach their full potential.

This fund has been set up as an endowment at the Foundation. The areas of funding considered will be: Early Childhood Education programs, athletic or extracurricular programs, and earned educational or music trips.

The family welcomes donations to



this fund to encourage opportunities for children. If you would like more information contact the Foundation office at 218-681-8711 ext. 228 or email: foundation@trfeducationfoundation.com

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- Donations Have Been Given In Memory Of**
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 - Kurt Gigstad
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 - Gertrude (Hanson) Christianson
 - Walter & Dorothy Larson
 - Dr. Robert Wright
 - Robert Lawson
 - John Borry
 - Nan Barrett Peterson-Wilson
 - Rick Adams
 - Joe Kraemer
 - Roy Lee
 - Jerome "Joe" Kraemer
 - Bob Powell
 - Jim Powell
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 - Marvin Manning
 - Penrhyn A. L. (Nelson) Johnson
 - Sandra Joppru Nelson
 - David Joppru
 - Kory Joppru
 - Bart Wangenstein
 - Dorothy Wangenstein
 - Robert "Butch" Wangenstein
 - Bert Mosleth
 - Clifford Swanson
 - Leonard Brekke
 - Violet Muzzy
 - Aslaug Marie (Ronnie) Flatgaard

- Lorraine Amundson Slade
- Robert Reeve
- Ardith Mae Johnson
- Donald Breiland
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- Raymond Duane Berg
- Thora Skomedal
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- Lester Lindberg
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Scholarships

The Thief River Falls announces the awarding of the 2008 scholarships. All of these scholarships are funded entirely by the families, individuals or organizations which have endowed them.

- Don L. Olson Memorial Scholarship - Jacob Engelstad**
Member of the National Honor Society ~ Lettered in one sport
- Quentin and Elizabeth McBride Jones Athletic Perseverance Award - Wesley Pederson**
Given in recognition of an athlete who has shown perseverance in an individual sport. Must be nominated by a coach from cross country, swimming, tennis, golf, wrestling, or track and field. Student must demonstrate academic success.
- Web Maves Family Scholarship - Roshan Pederson**
Member of a single parent household. In good standing at Lincoln High. Accepted in a two or four year program.
- Teddy Dorn Nursing Scholarship - Andrew Rook and Chelsey Ann Sawatzke**
Must be enrolled in a nursing program on a full-time basis.
- MeriJo Paschke Educational Scholarship - Bethany Bates**
Will be majoring in education with preference given to individual who will enter the Media Specialist field, "B" or above grade point average, demonstrates character, leadership and community service.
- Carl and Melva Lee Scholarship - Chase Haviland**
Will be majoring in Business. GPA of 3.5 minimum, in good standing at Lincoln High. Active in extracurricular activities.
- Fred Jensen Scholarship - Brian Kays**
Must be accepted at a technical school, two year or four year college.
- St. Hilaire Lions Scholarship - Heidi Hoglo, Margaret Miller, Zachary Skalsky, Matthew Wold**
Son or daughter of a St. Hilaire Lions Club Member or home residence within the boundaries of the former St. Hilaire School District.
- Dave Johnson Memorial Scholarship - Mauri Gonsorowski, Spencer Johnson and Aaron Langen**
Senior hockey player at LHS. Lettered in hockey, continuing education in the fall, emphasis on character displayed and the effort put forth in the classroom.
- Sami Haj Business Memorial Scholarship - Chase Haviland**
Awarded to a LHS graduate who is pursuing a business degree with preference to Restaurant/Motel Management. 3.0 GPA, community, after-school and extracurricular involvement.

- Loren "Bones" Stadum Athletic Memorial Scholarship - Andrew Rook**
Awarded to a LHS graduate who maintains at least a "B" average, and participated in sports, preference to basketball
- Northwest Minnesota Housing Cooperative Scholarship - Justin Gibson, Patrick Porter**
Awarded to a LHS graduate, entering construction as a major, displays leadership abilities and extra curricular activities
- Tony Dorn Sr. Student Athletic Scholarship - Aaron Langan, Frannie Twistol**
Awarded to a LHS graduate, GPA of 3.0 minimum, in good standing at Lincoln, active in extracurricular activities
- Frances A. Eide Memorial Nursing Scholarship - Jennifer Field and Lindsay Johnson**
Awarded to (2) LHS graduates entering nursing as a major, "C" average and above.
- Ted Hellie Teaching Scholarship - Dana Dyrud**
Awarded to a student who is pursuing a teaching degree
- Alice and Roy Lee Scholarship - Frannie Twistol**
Awarded to a student who has lettered in a sport at LHS, maintained a GPA of 2.5 or better, and will attend any college in MN or ND
- Hempel Fine Arts Scholarship - Michelle Roadfeldt**
Awarded to a student who is pursuing a fine-arts degree; must show employment history, community and extracurricular activities; must be enrolled or have been enrolled in the Magnet Arts Program at LHS as well as be enrolled in at least one class in one of these areas: dance, music, theater, visual arts or literary arts.
- Class of 1977 Scholarship - Chris Roiland**
Awarded to a Lincoln High School senior who will be attending Northland Community & Technical College/TRF Campus as a full-time student
- Prowler Boys Basketball Alumni Scholarship - Chase Haviland, Dylan Johnson, Thomas Loe, Alyssa Peterson, Andrew Rook, Jacob Stuckey and Kasey Trontvet**
Awarded to a Lincoln High School senior, GPA 3.0, letter winner for Boys Basketball (managers included)
- Cliff Swanson Memorial Business Scholarship - Chase Haviland**
Awarded to Lincoln High School senior pursuing a Business degree and active in athletic extracurricular activities.

Memberships

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